

July 9, 2007; Agenda Item No. 12

Resolution No. 07-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY SUPPORTING SCA 12
INTRODUCED BY SENATORS TORLAKSON AND YEE, COAUTHOR: SENATOR KUEHL.
A RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AN
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE, BY AMENDING
SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE XII D THEREOF, RELATING TO LOCAL
GOVERNMENT FINANCE

WHEREAS, it is within the interests of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to improve practices within watersheds to improve water quality, reduce pollution, capture additional storm water runoff, protect and manage groundwater better, and increase water use efficiency; and

WHEREAS, stormwater and urban runoff washes pesticides, bacteria, and other unwanted chemicals from streets and parking lots into storm drains that flow to our ocean, bays, rivers, and creeks, destroying countless marine plants and animals; and

WHEREAS as a result of Proposition 218 local agencies can only access fees for water, sewer, and garbage collection services; and

WHEREAS, SCA 12 (TORLAKSON-YEE) would amend the California Constitution to give local governments the ability to collect fees for water runoff in the same way they collect money for garbage collection, sewage treatment and water; and

WHEREAS municipalities could use collected fees to provide residents and businesses with solutions to reduce stormwater pollution; and

WHEREAS SCA 12 (TORLAKSON-YEE) would amend the California Constitution to give local governments the power to collect fees for water runoff which would then be used to find ways to reduce stormwater runoff that carries toxins and other unwanted chemicals into local water systems, thereby protecting State bays, waterways and ocean stretches; Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy hereby:

1. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated July 9, 2007.
2. SUPPORTS SCA 12 (TORLAKSON-YEE) as amended.
3. AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to communicate this support to the Resources Agency.

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~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, regularly noticed and held according to law, on the 9th day of July, 2007 at Calabasas, California.

Dated:

Executive Director